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Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 54th, 55th and 60th meetings, on 13 and 15 May and 17 June 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.54, 55 and 60).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Transitional Administration in Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (A/56/844) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/887).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.90

4. At the 60th meeting, on 17 June, the representative of Australia and coordinator of the informal consultations on the item introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group" (A/C.5/56/L.90).

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.90 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1037 (1996) of 15 January 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium for an initial period of twelve months, and resolution 1145 (1997) of 19 December 1997, in which the Council noted the termination of the Transitional Administration on 15 January 1998 and established, with effect from 16 January 1998 the Civilian Police Support Group for a single period of up to nine months,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Transitional Administration and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 54/274 of 15 June 2000,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Transitional Administration and the Support Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Transitional Administration and the Support Group, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

[1] A/56/844.
[2] A/56/887.

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Transitional Administration by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Administration and the Support Group with the necessary financial resources to enable them to meet their outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 25.4 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and forty-one Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraph 82 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

8. *Decides* that 35,805,865 dollars shall be credited to Member States;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide an updated report on the financial position of the Transitional Administration and the Support Group in one year;

10. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group".